



## ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Class Notes/Listings

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To: Gardening/Leisure/Calendar Editors

From: Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD)

**SUBJECT: GET GROWING WITH ELK GROVE GARDENING WORKSHOPS**

**Elk Grove, CA** – The Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD), in partnership with the Elk Grove Community Garden and the Sacramento Master Gardeners Program, will offer a series of gardening workshops in January and February at the Laguna Town Hall (3020 Renwick Avenue). Held on Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., classes are \$10 each or \$45 for the series (5 classes). All class fees benefit the Elk Grove Community Garden and the Sacramento Master Gardeners Program. Winter workshops focus on backyard trees and bushes:

#### *January 12, 2004* – **CITRUS TREE CARE**

Master Gardener, Vince Conrad will help you grow healthy and productive citrus. Through this class, learn how to prune & harvest, irrigate, fertilize, and protect your trees from disease, pests and frost. Find out the best varieties for our climate and enjoy some hands on sampling.

#### *January 26, 2004* – **BACKYARD ORCHARD**

Chuck Ingels, Master Gardener Advisor and Horticultural Advisor, will teach urban gardeners to utilize small spaces to grow “fruit bushes” and yield an orchard full of delicious fruit.

#### *February 2, 2004* – **TREES 101**

Take part in a two part series covering tree selection and proper planting techniques presented by Pam Bone, Landscape Horticulturist & UC Cooperative Extension Lifetime Master Gardener. This session features an additional hour of instruction to cover topics including landscape use, tree size, tree form, rooting habits, climate adaptation, soil preparation, planting depth, staking techniques and much more.

#### *February 9, 2004* -- **ESPALIERING FRUIT TREES AND PLANTS**

Gary Headley, Master Gardener will introduce the artsy growing technique called espalier (esp-al-YAY). Espalier is a French word from the Italian spalliera, or shoulder support: the technique encourages plants to grow along a shoulder-piece, lattice work, or row of stakes. Learn where and how to espalier, the 20 favorite plants to espalier, proper training and pruning, and explore different espalier patterns.

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*February 23, 2004 --* **BACKYARD BERRIES**

Imagine the sweet aroma of luscious juicy raspberries and blackberries, or the taste of home grown blueberries in your morning cereal. Find out from Chuck Phillips, Lifetime Master Gardener, how easy it is to raise your own backyard berry patch without a lot of room.

Registration for all gardening workshops begins January 6. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Elk Grove Community Services District Department of Parks and Recreation at (916) 405-5353 for more information.

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